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..... 1 drunkenness. A gentleman who asked his
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had done his duty as a host if he did not put

half-dozen of their own kind in the land. This was quite one of the best countries I ever saw, but if my friend on my right will allow me to say so, in the United States. (Loud laughter.) This was a hundred years ago, and I have heard strange stories of it from friends who, if alive, would now be living a good deal better. At that time they used to supply their guests with liquor enough, as the saying is, to drown them. Now, drunkenness has entirely gone out amongst the same classes. There are occasionally some who choose to base themselves by getting drunk when they ought to keep sober, and so lay the seeds of disease, and afterwards reap the fruits of intemperance. But they are a very small minority, and moreover, they can console themselves to intemperance now-adays without being utterly ashamed of it,—being repudiated, put out of one side, and finding themselves ignored by the rest of society. An improvement has taken place in the middle class of society; and that improvement has also extended in later times to what are called—the working-classes; and this is evidenced by the great numbers of temperance societies in England and America, and on the continent also, by the establishment of Temperance Societies. I hereby confess that I think temperance is the higher virtue of the two. By temperance, I mean the moral and rational use of the good things God has given us. Mark me, I say to eating as well as drinking, because I have observed in my experience in life that sometimes people—now are very much checked in their eating, and they yet indulge very freely in eating. There has been a great movement made in later years to meet the evil of intemperance, and many wise

and good people think that the only way to do it is by forming total abstinence societies; and I have no hesitation in saying that, although I prefer temperance to abstinence, I can on the

I sympathise and fully appreciate the efforts made by these wise and good people, and those who follow their banner, in putting themselves under the hammer of a business man. I believe that amongst the lower orders and they are by far the majority, the centre in reality only being a harmful in comparison — it gives rise to frightful evil. And anyone who thinks cannot fail in arriving at the conclusion that great exertions are being made in order to put a stop to it, and therefore I say, all honour to those who have the courage to pledge themselves to abstain altogether in case they should not keep within the bounds of prudence, and all honour to those who voluntarily stand by it. I encourage them: As I said before, I don't wish to sail under false colours. But I have a great honour and respect for those people who do abstain, and I fully sympathise with the efforts made by the Government in subjects of providing for the sailor when he goes on shore is not new to me. When I commanded a corvette in the river in 1858-9, I had great satisfaction in taking my humble part in establishing a Home for the benefit of sailors coming to the port. In those days we used to have about all sailing ships; sometimes 240 or 150 in the harbour at one time; and it struck me there was very great want of respectable accommodation ashore. All respectable houses closed their doors to the sailors, and they were obliged to go to the horribly low Chinese groghouses, and I had therefore great satisfaction in giving my services, humble as they were, towards establishing a Sailors' Home, which still exists at Hongfay. I visited it last September, and I am glad to say it has been quite so successful as we hoped it would

